

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9605  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CG, BE  
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: COMMERCIAL SALE OF M-16 AMMO

REFS: (A) STATE 86289, (B) KINSHASA 3572

1. ZAIRIAN MATERIEL REQUEST TO BELGIANS OF APRIL 7, WHICH INCLUDED 4 MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMO, ONLY RECEIVED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 18. ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD US THAT BABIA'S REQUEST TO BELGIAN MILITARY MISSION IN KINSHASA WAS INITIALLY TRANSMITTED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS DIRECTLY TO DEFENSE MINISTRY IN BRUSSELS WITHOUT INFO TO MFA. DEFENSE MINISTRY BUCKED REQUEST BACK TO KINSHASA SAYING IT REQUIRED POLITICAL LEVEL DECISION AND SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO BELGIAN MFA.

JAENEN SAID REQUEST CAME IN APRIL 18 AND WOULD REQUIRE A FEW DYAS STAFFING OUT BEFORE A DECISION COULD BE MADE. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

2. BESIDES THE M-16 AMMO, HE SAID ZAIRIAN REQUEST INCLUDES OTHER AMMO, HAND GRENADES, MORTOR ROUNDS, MINES AND FLARES, AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.RENNER

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